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(PATENT)

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Tsuguo Maru

Application No.: 09/896,479

Confirmation No.: 9269

Filed: June 29, 2001

Art Unit: 2637

For: METHOD OF DECODING TURBO-  
ENCODED DATA AND RECEIVER FOR  
DECODING TURBO-ENCODED DATA

Examiner: J. M. Meek

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Office Action dated October 8, 2004, please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 3 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 4 of this paper.

**Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page 15 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 16 of this paper.

**FEE CALCULATION**

Any additional fee required has been calculated as follows:

|   | Claims<br>Remaining<br>After<br>Amendment | Highest<br>Number<br>Previously<br>Paid | Number<br>Extra<br>Claims<br>Present | Rate     | Additional<br>Fee |
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| Total   | 32  | - 32 =                                  | 0                                    | X 50.00  | \$0.00            |
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**CONTINGENT EXTENSION REQUEST**

If this communication is filed after the shortened statutory time period had elapsed and no separate Petition is enclosed, the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks is petitioned, under 37 CFR 1.136(a), to extend the time for filing a response to the outstanding Office Action by the number of months which will avoid abandonment under 37 CFR 1.135. The fee under 37 CFR 1.17 should be charged to our Deposit Account No. 50-2215.